

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 16, please replace the paragraph at prenumbered lines 6-8, with the following new paragraph:

--In detail, the lid 18 is made separately from the molded article 10. It is fixed to the [main body 2 of the container] molded article 10 via the linking part 31' having the hinge 31 which is provided on the lid 18. The structure of the lid 18 is the same as in the second embodiment.--

Page 17, please replace the paragraph at prenumbered lines 6-8, with the following new paragraph:

--The molded article 10 can be produced by the same method as shown in Fig. 4 for the first embodiment. The lid 18 can be produced through almost the same steps as for the [main body of the container 2] molded article 10.--

Page 25, please replace the paragraph at prenumbered lines 27-29, with the following new paragraph:

The thick-walled portion [86] 87 in the molded article 10 of the present embodiment can project both inward and outward. If desired, the part of the thick-walled portion projecting outward can serve as, for example, a projection for fitting a cap on.

Page 26, please replace the paragraph at prenumbered lines 1-11, with the following new paragraph:

--A molded article 10 of the eighth embodiment which is shown in Fig. 23 has a thin plastic layer on its outer surface 104 and inner surface 105. Such plastic layers not only give the molded article 10 further increased strength but effectively prevent leaks of the contents. Because the outer surface 104 and the inner surface 105 of the molded article 10 are smooth, the plastic layers can be satisfactorily adhered to the outer surface 104 and the inner surface 105. While the thickness of each plastic layer is selected appropriately according to the wall thickness of the molded article [1] 10, the kind of the contents and the like, it is usually 5 to 300 μm , particularly 10 to 200 μm , especially 20 to 100 μm . The two plastic layers may be the same or different in thickness. The materials constituting each plastic layer include various thermoplastic synthetic resins such as polyethylene and polypropylene, emulsion latices such as an acrylic emulsion, and waxes such as a hydrocarbon wax.--

Page 27, please replace the paragraph at prenumbered lines 16-21, with the following new paragraph:

--The inner surface of a [hollow container 1] molded article 10 can be laminated with a plastic film by use of the vacuum chambers 130 and 140 as follows. As shown in Fig. 24(a), a molded article 10 is placed in the first vacuum chamber 130 with its opening portion 11 up. The depth of the first vacuum chamber 130 is virtually the same as the height of the molded article 10 so that the upper opening edge of the placed molded article 10 and that of the first vacuum chamber 130 are almost even.--